

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of:	ROTH <i>et al.</i>	Confirmation No.:	8488
Serial No.:	10/774,272	Art Unit:	3733
Filed:	February 6, 2004	Examiner:	James L. Swiger III
For:	BONE FIXATION SYSTEM	Attorney Docket No:	8932-876-999

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR § 1.136(a)

Commissioner for Patents
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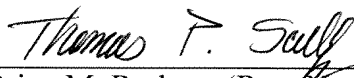
Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the time for response to the Final Office Action dated May 11, 2006 be extended for a period of 2 month(s) from August 11, 2006 to and including October 11, 2006.

The fee for this extension is estimated to be \$450.00. Please charge the required fee to Jones Day Deposit Account No. 50-3013. A copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: October 11, 2006



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